







ROUTE INFORMATION

-  Start location: **Brighstone**
-  Difficulty: **Challenging**
-  Walk distance: **12 miles**
-  Places to stop for food & drink
-  Viewing & rest stops on route
-  Family friendly route

© Copyright Wightlink 2014 Island Tourist Products

9 Worsley Trail

During the course of this long walk you will pass beside pine forests, over chalk downland, across fields and rivers, between farm buildings and along the course of the former railway line before entering the historic heart of Shanklin.

- 1** The trail starts from the National Trust car park below Mottistone Down. Cross the road and follow the bridleway (BS10) signed to Shorwell beginning with Brighstone Forest on your left. Proceed along the track passing footpaths B58 and B55, and through the metal gate. Continue along the crest of Limerstone Down. Start to descend along a well marked track with large quarry on your left, before reaching the road (B3323).
- 2** Cross the road to bridleway SW49 (Chillerton) and walk up the track, through the metal gate, and continue with the fence on the left towards Lorden Copse. Walk along the path which follows the edge of the copse, about 100 metres (110 yards) later go through the gate in corner of field. Walk along the track and back down towards New Barn Farm. Half-way down turn left up steep hill, following sign SW15 (Chillerton), and through the metal gate.
Follow the path ahead, keeping the fence on the right to a second gate then zig zag right and left. Follow the power lines with a hedge on your right, Chillerton Down on your left, with the TV transmitter on the summit. Pass through wooden gate about 150 metres (165 yards) after the last pylon. Continue to the gate, pass the National Trust sign and follow the track along to the main road (G13 Shorwell).
- 3** Turn right and walk along the road for 200 metres (220 yards), then turn left where road forks near the bus stop. Walk down this road passing Ramsdown Farm on your left. At the road junction turn right down the sunken road, 200 metres (220 yards) later turn left at Roslin Farm between the buildings. Follow the track along to a metal gate leading into a field.
Go through the gate and along the track with fence on the right to a gate in the corner of the field. Turn right to join a farm track and walk ahead to the road. Continue on road past Cridmore Farm and Little Cridmore Cottages and bear left past more buildings on the right. Proceed ahead along G24, a track between hedges leading to metal gate. Go through the gate and cross open field, following hedge on your right to a metal gate.
Turn right after the gate and walk along with the hedge on your right, through a second metal gate, follow the fence on your right for a short distance before bearing left across the field to a footbridge which crosses the infant River Medina.

- 4** Cross the river and then two stiles before continuing into the field, keeping the hedge on the left. Follow the field edge towards gate. Keep going forward through a field following the field hedge on the left to a metal gate, do not go through this gate but continue along field perimeter. Turn left on meeting a track off to the right leading to North Appleford, then left again, through the gap in the hedge on the left (footpath to Bleakdown). Follow the hedge on the left along footpath G10. Reach a stile on the opposite side of the field just below the road.
- 5** Cross the stile and turn right past bus stop, continue along the road for about 800 metres (880 yards). Turn left through a gate where the road bends to the right and follow the sign for Godshill and Beacon Alley (GL15). Go through gate immediately ahead of you into field keeping the fence on the left. On reaching the corner of the fence, walk diagonally across the field, to a gate in the bottom corner. Go through two gates, turning right into another field and follow the sign to Godshill walking downhill with the hedge on the right to reach a gateway on your right leading on to the road.
- 6** Turn left at the road, take the first left turn and walk along Bagwich Lane for a short distance past the entrance to Lavenders Farm. Turn right just before Mill Cottage Kennels walking down the path between hedges. The path reaches a footbridge in the grounds of a ruined mill. Cross over the bridge then turn left along the riverbank, turn right past a pond, skirting the garden of 'Bridgecourt Manor' and walk down the side of a field to the road. Cross the road and follow GL21 to Godshill across the next field.
- 7** Walk towards the row of houses and go through the gap at the end of the field and turn right to walk along the road. Continue straight ahead to pass Sainham Farm on the left, 400 metres (440 yards) later turn left off the road through a gate in the hedge, (signposted to Sainham and Wroxall). Proceed across the field to the top corner of the field, then walk uphill with a wood on your right, through the gate and along the track ahead. Pass Sainham Farm once again on your left and continue on the farm track signposted for Gat Cliff and Stenbury Down (GL58), keeping the hedge on the right. Turn right through a metal gate and walk uphill between two high wire fences to

- another gate at the top of the hill. Go through the gate and along the track through the copse to a footpath junction at the base of Gat Cliff. Follow the sign GL49 to Wroxall, bearing left through a metal gate. Follow the old stone wall of Appuldurcombe estate on the right.
The main path along the estate wall proceeds downhill to a metal gate and path down the edge of Freemantle Copse and to Freemantle Gate. Turn right through the gate and after 100 metres (110 yards) take the left-fork in the bridleway and follow the path across three fields towards the town of Wroxall, reaching the main drive of Appuldurcombe House.
- 8** Turn left down Appuldurcombe Road and then up to the main road (B3327). Cross the road and walk up the steps to the former railway line. Turn right along the railway line, passing to the right of the warehouse, and join the road at the bridge. Turn left over the bridge, past the school and then the cemetery on the right. Climb the bank to a stile with a signpost for 'The Downs & Shanklin', and proceed uphill on the path, with the hedge below and to the left, and cross another stile into a field. Follow the field hedge to the right around the field to a stile.
Cross over the stile and follow track through the woods, ignore the stile to your right and proceed ahead onto track turning right uphill to gate. Proceed out of wood into field, following the left hand edge this continues along footpaths V44 and SS10. Remain on the path beside the hedge, over two stiles in corner of field, the second stile signed Shanklin SS10. Walk along above a disused quarry crossing several stiles.
- 9** Walk down steps and over the stile, then left into the field. Walk across the field down to a further stile and more steps then down the path between the hedges. Cross two fields and carry straight on towards the church of St Blasius hidden in the trees, cross over two further stiles into the churchyard. Turn left out of the churchyard and walk downhill to reach Shanklin Old Village (junction with coastal path).

